

County, Massachusetts, nearly all of which falls inside the Boston pay locality. As long as the Pay Agent applies its criteria on a county-by-county basis, no part of Rhode Island will be eligible for a higher level of locality pay, and existing Federal pay disparities between Rhode Island and its neighbors will continue to degrade Federal services in our state.

Simply put, the FEPCA law was intended to resolve a public-private pay disparity. In southern New England, however, it has created a public-public pay disparity.

Mr. REED. The Senator is absolutely right. And to remedy this situation, the bill we have introduced, S. 1313, the Rhode Island Federal Worker Fairness Act, will require the President's Pay Agent to consider the State of Rhode Island as one county strictly for the purposes of locality pay. We believe this bill will enable Rhode Island, the smallest state in the nation and about the same size as the average county in the United States, to apply for locality pay on an equal footing with county governments in other parts of the country.

We look forward to working with the distinguished Chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, Senator THOMPSON, and the Committee's ranking member, Senator LIEBERMAN, in our effort to reduce the inequities among Federal employees in our region and enable federal offices in Rhode Island to attract and retain qualified employees.

I yield the floor.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a treaty which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORT ON THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY CONCERNING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—PM 47

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by section 204 of the International Emergency Economics Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1703(c)) and section 401(c) of the National Emergencies

Act (50 U.S.C. 1641(c)), I transmit herewith a 6-month report on the national emergency declared by Executive Order 12938 of November 14, 1994, in response to the threat posed by the proliferation of nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons ("weapons of mass destruction") and of the means of delivering such weapons.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 13, 1999.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hanrahan, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2035. An act to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Administration.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress rejecting the conclusions of a recent article published by the American Psychological Association that suggests that sexual relationships between adults and children might be positive for children.

H. Con. Res. 117. Concurrent resolution concerning United Nations General Assembly Resolution ES-10/6.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill, previously received from the House of Representatives for the concurrence of the Senate, was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 592. An act to designate a portion of Gateway National Recreation Area as "World War Veterans Park at Miller Field"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 107. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress rejecting the conclusions of a recent article published by the American Psychological Association that suggests that sexual relationships between adults and children might be positive for children.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-4144. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting, the report of a retirement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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EC-4146. A communication from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report of the Farm Credit System for calendar year 1998; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-4147. A communication from the Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Department of Defense Demonstration Project-Amendments to 48 CFR, Chapter 16" (RIN3206-A167), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4148. A communication from the Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Federal Employees Health Benefits Program and Department of Defense Demonstration Project-Amendments to 5 CFR, Part 890 (RIN3206-A167), received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4149. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for the Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List", received July 12, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4150. A communication from the Acting Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Electronic Purchasing and Payment in the Federal Government"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4151. A communication from the Public Printer, Government Printing Office, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the Office of Inspector General for the period October 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4152. A communication from the Executive Director, Committee for the Purchase from People who are Blind or Severely Disabled, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Additions to the Procurement List", received July 6, 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4153. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the elimination of the danger pay allowance for the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4154. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, a report of the International Labor Organization relative to general conditions to stimulate job creation in small and medium-sized enterprises; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-4155. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of a safeguard action on imports of lamb meat; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4156. A communication from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Regulations under Section 1502 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986; Limitations on Net Operating Loss Carryforwards and Certain Built-in Losses and Credits Following an Ownership Change of a Consolidated Group"